

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the Claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A protective cover for a concrete reinforcing bar comprising:

a collar structure defining a perimeter portion, said collar structure further defining an open end for receiving the end of a rebar;

a cap portion oriented substantially perpendicularly to having a support portion extending outwardly from said collar structure; and

said cap portion comprising a barrier plate supported by said support portion and defining an exposed upper surface of the cover[.].

wherein a portion of said support portion extends over said barrier plate and said exposed upper surface defined thereby.

2. CANCELED.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A protective cover as in claim 1 wherein said barrier plate includes apertures and [[the]] material of said cap portion extends through said apertures to define connector portions extending between said cap portion and said exposed upper surface.

4. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 3 wherein said connector portions terminate in enlarged head portions located on said exposed upper surface.

5. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 1 wherein said barrier plate comprises an impact resistant material capable of resisting penetration by the end of a rebar located in said collar structure.

6. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 5 wherein said barrier plate comprises a metal plate.

7. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 6 wherein said barrier plate comprises a steel plate.

8. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 5 wherein said barrier plate comprises a Kevlar plate.

9. CANCELED.

10. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 1 wherein said barrier plate comprises a curved plate.

11. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 1 wherein said barrier plate comprises a quadrilateral shape.

12. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 11 wherein said barrier plate is formed with a double curvature.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A protective cover as in claim 1 wherein said barrier plate defines an outer edge and said cap portion extends around said outer edge and defines a flange portion extending ([onto]) over said exposed upper surface adjacent to said outer edge.

14. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 1 wherein said collar structure comprises a pair of concentric collar members.

15. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 14 wherein said pair of collar members comprises an inner collar member and an outer collar member spaced from said inner collar member by a plurality of ribs.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A protective cover for a concrete reinforcing bar comprising:

a collar structure defining a perimeter portion, said collar structure further defining an open end for receiving the end of a rebar;

a cap portion oriented substantially perpendicularly to having a support portion extending outwardly from said collar structure;

said cap portion comprising a barrier plate supported by said support portion and defining an exposed upper surface of the cover; and

a reinforcing plate disposed adjacent a lower surface of said barrier plate[.].

wherein a portion of said support portion extends over said barrier plate and said upper exposed upper surface defined thereby.

17. CANCELED.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A protective cover as in claim 16 wherein said barrier plate includes apertures and [[the]] material of said cap portion extends through said apertures to define connector portions extending between said cap portion and said exposed upper surface.

19. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 18 wherein said connector portions terminate in enlarged head portions located on said exposed upper surfaces.

20. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 16 wherein said barrier plate comprises an impact resistant material capable of resisting penetration by the end of a rebar located in said collar structure.

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21. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 20 wherein said barrier plate comprises a metal plate.

22. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 21 wherein said barrier plate comprises a steel plate.

23. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 20 wherein said barrier plate comprises a Kevlar plate.

24. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 20 wherein said reinforcing plate comprises a metal plate.

25. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 24 wherein said reinforcing plate comprises a steel plate.

26. CANCELED.

27. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 16 wherein said barrier plate comprises a curved plate.

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28. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 16 wherein said barrier plate comprises a quadrilateral shape.

29. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 28 wherein said barrier plate is formed with a double curvature.

30. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 16 wherein said barrier plate comprises a curved plate.

31. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 16 wherein said reinforcing plate comprises a quadrilateral shape.

32. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 31 wherein said barrier plate is formed with a double curvature.

33. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 16 wherein said barrier plate defines an outer edge and said cap portion extends around said outer edge and defines a flange portion extending onto said exposed upper surface adjacent to said outer edge.

34. (ORIGINAL) A protective cover as in claim 16 wherein said reinforcing plate is mounted to said barrier plate.